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1. An agent for diagnosing malignant tumors, comprising as an active ingredient a compound in which at least one carbon atom of 5-aminolevulinic acid is a carbon isotope and/or a nitrogen atom in its amino group is a nitrogen isotope, or an ester, amide, salt, hydrate or solvate of the compound.

2. An agent for photokinetically treating malignant tumors, comprising as an active ingredient a compound in which at least one carbon atom of 5-aminolevulinic acid is a carbon isotope and/or a nitrogen atom in its amino group is a nitrogen isotope, or an ester, amide, salt, hydrate or solvate of the compound.

3. A composition comprising a compound in which at least one carbon atom of 5-aminolevulinic acid is a carbon isotope and/or a nitrogen atom in its amino group is a nitrogen isotope, or an ester, amide, salt, hydrate or solvate of the compound, and a diagnostically acceptable carrier.

4. A composition comprising a compound in which at least one carbon atom of 5-aminolevulinic acid is a carbon isotope and/or a nitrogen atom in its amino group is a nitrogen isotope, or an ester, amide, salt, hydrate or solvate of the compound, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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